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BIG WHO?
COLLECTOR'S SHOW
WHEN I WAS A KID, MY "BIG MAX" EARTH MOVER WAS MY FAVORITE TOY!
I USED TO SLEEP WITH IT...
EAT WITH IT...
BATHE WITH IT...
I PLAYED WITH IT 'TIL IT FELL APART!
Jughead in MAXED OUT!
PART I
AND THERE IT IS, JUST LIKE THE ONE I HAD! I'LL TAKE IT!
NO YOU WON'T!
WHILE YOU WERE REMINISCING, I JUST BOUGHT IT!
OH, NO!
BIG MAX

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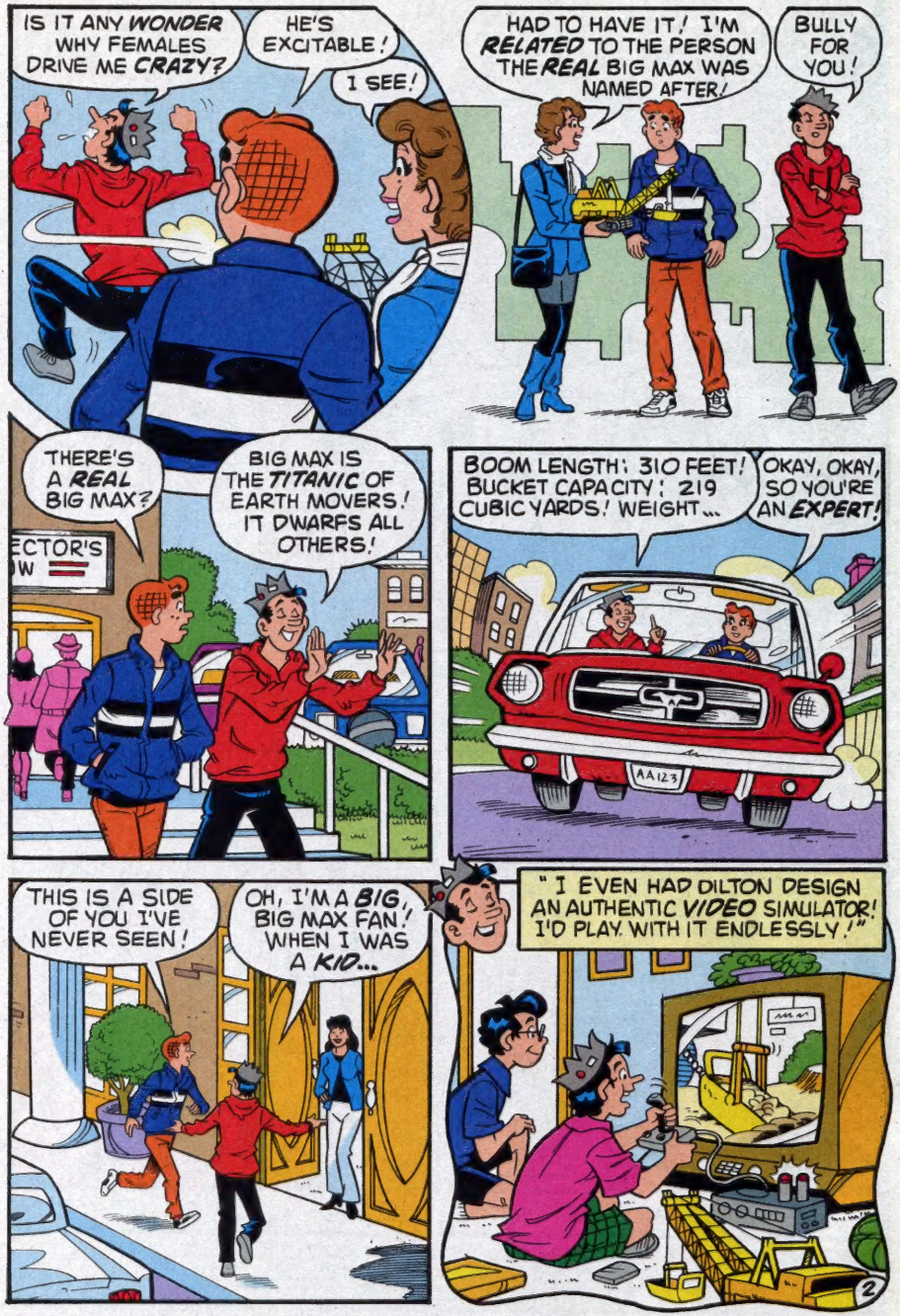
IS IT ANY WONDER WHY FEMALES DRIVE ME CRAZY?
HE'S EXCITABLE!
I SEE!
HAD TO HAVE IT! I'M RELATED TO THE PERSON THE REAL BIG MAX WAS NAMED AFTER!
BULLY FOR YOU!
THERE'S A REAL BIG MAX?
BIG MAX IS THE TITANIC OF EARTH MOVERS! IT DWARFS ALL OTHERS!
BOOM LENGTH: 310 FEET! BUCKET CAPACITY: 219 CUBIC YARDS! WEIGHT...
OKAY, OKAY, SO YOU'RE AN EXPERT!
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THIS IS A SIDE OF YOU I'VE NEVER SEEN!
OH, I'M A BIG, BIG MAX FAN! WHEN I WAS A KID...
"I EVEN HAD DILTON DESIGN AN AUTHENTIC VIDEO SIMULATOR! I'D PLAY WITH IT ENDLESSLY!"
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NOW, THAT'S FUNNY... I'M LEAVING FOR COAL COUNTRY THIS WEEK TO MEET WITH A BUSINESS PARTNER!
HIS TROUBLED COMPANY OPERATES BIG MAX!
YOU'RE GONNA SEE THE REAL BIG MAX!
I WANNA GO! I WANNA GO! I WANNA GO!
LOOKS LIKE JUGHEAD'S COMING ALONG!
SO...
THAR SHE BLOWS, JUGHEAD! THE LARGEST CHUNK OF HEAVY MACHINERY ON THE BLOCK!
MAN, OH MAN!
BIG MAX
MAX
OFFICE
I'M TELLING YOU, MR. MEYER! MAKE BIG CHANGES NOW IF YOU WANT TO SURVIVE!
SIGH! I HEAR YOU, BENTON!
3

GREETINGS, MEYER!
LODGE! GOOD TO SEE A SMILING FACE!
YEAH, WHO WAS THAT GLOOMY GUS?
BENTON TAKES CARE OF THE BOOKS! LET'S GO TO THE HOUSE AND WE'LL FILL YOU IN!
THIS HERE'S THE MISSUS! AND THAT'S MY COUSIN, CORKY! HE'S OUR TOP ENGINEER!
HI!
GRUNT!
AND, OH YES, MY NIECE BARBARA JUST CAME TO VISIT!
YOU!
I TOLD YOU I WAS RELATED TO BIG MAX'S NAMESAKE!
THERE'S MY TOY!
I BROUGHT IT TO UNCLE FOR A MEMENTO!
I'LL NEED ONE... AFTER BIG MAX IS DISMANTLED!
WHAT?

YEAH! TAKE THAT DEMONIC DIGGER APART BEFORE SOMEONE GETS HURT!
UH... COME AGAIN?
THERE HAVE BEEN SOME MINOR MISHAPS WITH MAX LATELY! NOTHING SERIOUS SO FAR, BUT WE CAN'T SEEM TO FIGURE IT OUT!
THE CREEPY MACHINE'S HAUNTED, I TELL YOU!
YES... WELL... THE REAL PROBLEM IS BIG MAX CAN'T MEET PRODUCTION DEMANDS! WE'RE LOSING MONEY, HAND OVER FIST!
THAT MONSTER? UNDER-PRODUCE?
HARD TO BELIEVE BUT YOU CAN'T ARGUE WITH THE BOTTOM LINE! IT'S TIME TO SHIFT TO MORE MODERN METHODS!
BUT... BIG MAX...
WE CAN'T AFFORD SENTIMENT, JUGHEAD! THE WHOLE COMPANY'S AT STAKE!
WE'LL TALK TO-MORROW! 'NIGHT!
MY SPIDEY SENSE SAYS SOMETHING IS WRONG HERE!
THE ODD COUSIN?
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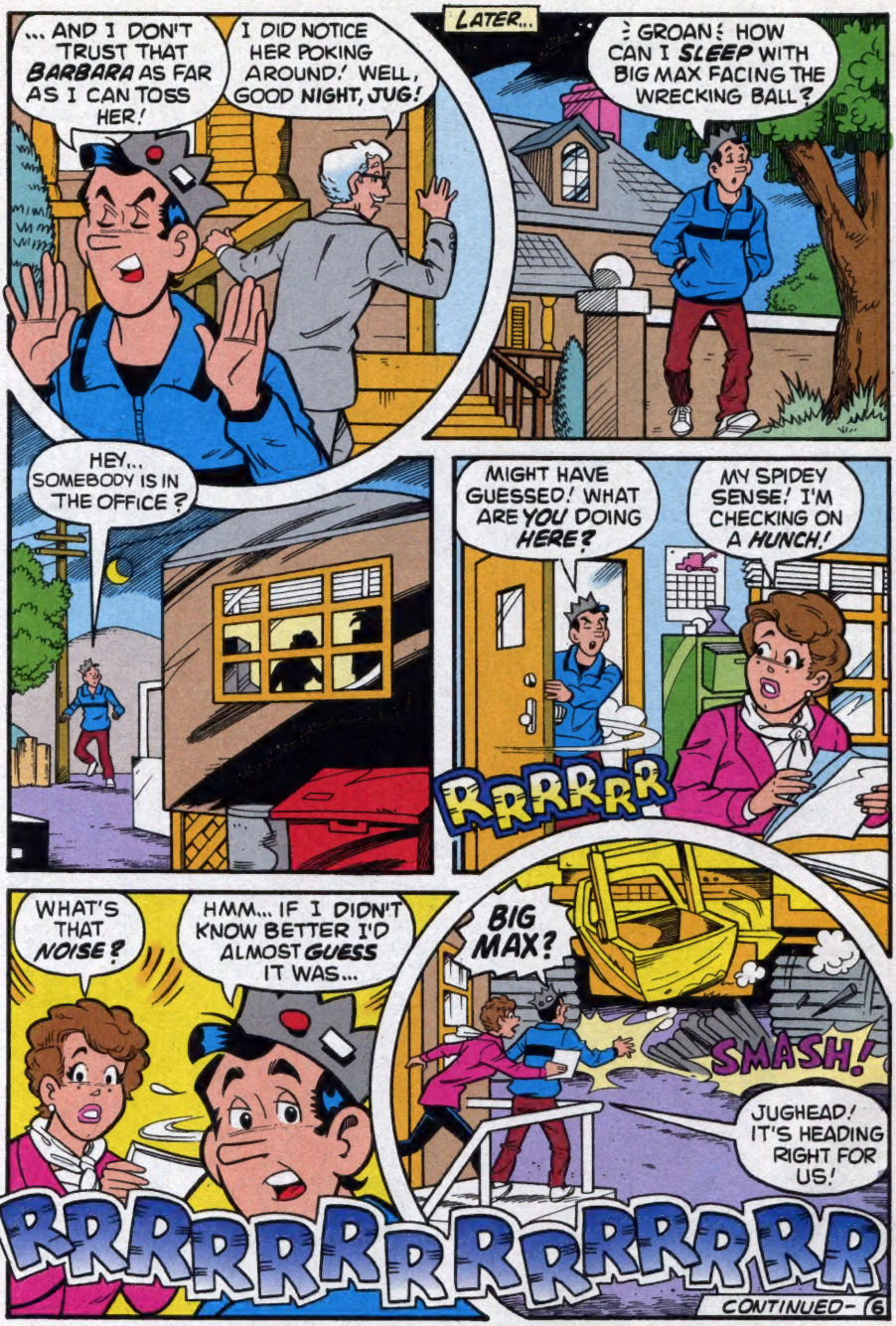
... AND I DON'T TRUST THAT BARBARA AS FAR AS I CAN TOSS HER!
I DID NOTICE HER POKING AROUND! WELL, GOOD NIGHT, JUG!
LATER...
:GROAN: HOW CAN I SLEEP WITH BIG MAX FACING THE WRECKING BALL?
HEY... SOMEBODY IS IN THE OFFICE?
MIGHT HAVE GUESSED! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
MY SPIDEY SENSE! I'M CHECKING ON A HUNCH!
RRRRRR
WHAT'S THAT NOISE?
HMM... IF I DIDN'T KNOW BETTER I'D ALMOST GUESS IT WAS...
BIG MAX?
SMASH!
JUGHEAD! IT'S HEADING RIGHT FOR US!
RRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRR
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Jughead in MAXED OUT!

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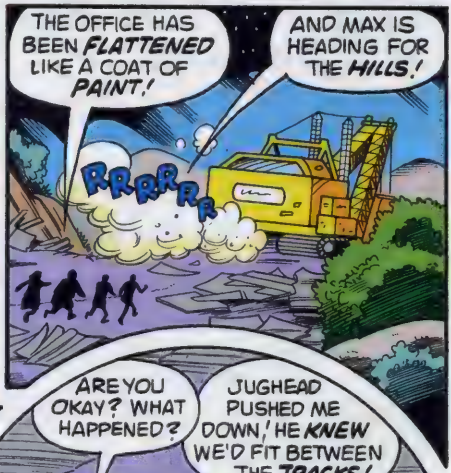

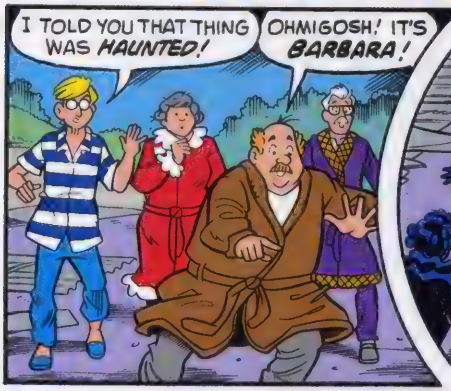

JUGHEAD?! WHERE IS HE?
HE WAS RIGHT... GULP!
OH NO!
TH-THAT WASN'T SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN!
?
FIRST THINGS FIRST! HOW DO YOU STOP THAT BEHEMOTH?
HOW DID IT START?! MAYBE IT IS HAUNTED!
RRRRR
RING! RING!
NOW WHERE'S HE RUNNING OFF TO?
YES, WHO IS IT?
RI*RING!
NICE OF YOU TO PUT A DIRECT LINE IN THIS THING!
JUGHEAD?! WHERE ARE YOU?
IN MAX! I KNOW EVERY INCH OF THIS THING! I KNOW WHERE TO CLIMB!
NOW IF DILTON'S VIDEO GAME WAS ACCURATE, MAYBE I CAN...
RRRRRR
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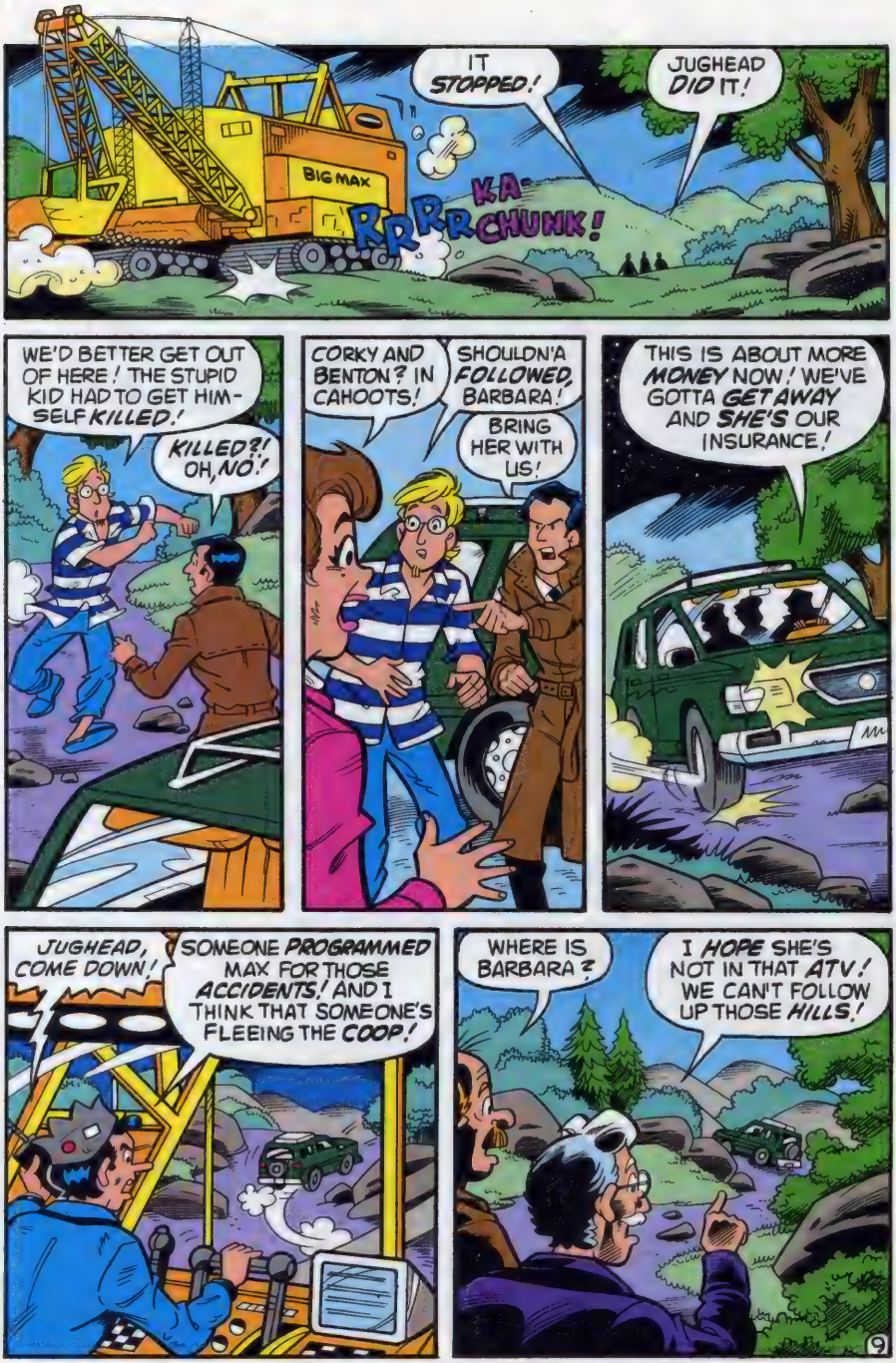
IT STOPPED!
JUGHEAD DID IT!
BIG MAX
RRRR
KA-CHUNK!
WE'D BETTER GET OUT OF HERE! THE STUPID KID HAD TO GET HIMSELF KILLED!
KILLED?! OH, NO!
CORKY AND BENTON? IN CAHOOTS!
SHOULDN'A FOLLOWED, BARBARA!
BRING HER WITH US!
THIS IS ABOUT MORE MONEY NOW! WE'VE GOTTA GET AWAY AND SHE'S OUR INSURANCE!
JUGHEAD, COME DOWN!
SOMEONE PROGRAMMED MAX FOR THOSE ACCIDENTS! AND I THINK THAT SOMEONE'S FLEEING THE COOP!
WHERE IS BARBARA?
I HOPE SHE'S NOT IN THAT ATV! WE CAN'T FOLLOW UP THOSE HILLS!

WE'LL MAKE IT!
I DON'T THINK SO! WE'RE BEING FOLLOWED!
RRRRRR
BY WHOM?
RRRRRR
YOU DON'T WANNA KNOW!
!
!
!
SCOOP!
SO...
THESE TWO HAVE BEEN SIPHONING OFF YOUR PROFITS!
NO WONDER WE WERE GOING UNDER!
THEY MADE MAX LOOK UNRELIABLE WITH SMALLER MISHAPS TO PREP YOU FOR THE "BIG" ACCIDENT!
DESTROYING THE OFFICE WOULD WIPE OUT EVIDENCE OF THEIR WRONGDOING!
BUT I GRABBED THESE DOCTORED RECORDS FIRST!

SO WE'RE NOT IN THE RED AFTER ALL! BIG MAX EARNS ITS KEEP!
YOU WON'T HAVE TO SHUT 'ER DOWN!
BUT HOW'D YOU OPERATE THE DIGGER WITH SUCH FINESSE?
OH, I KNOW ALL THERE IS TO KNOW ABOUT BIG MAX!
AND NOW I'VE EVEN MET THE GUY IT WAS NAMED AFTER!
OH, MAX WASN'T NAMED AFTER ME!
BUT YOU SAID YOUR RELATIVE...
SURE! THIS IS MY AUNT MAXINE!
MAXINE?! BIG MAX WAS NAMED AFTER YOU?
YOU'D BETTER BELIEVE IT!
YOU MEAN TO TELL ME... BIG MAX IS A GIRL?
AND YOU THOUGHT YOU KNEW EVERYTHING ABOUT HER!
HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!
The End

EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

Dear Archie Readers,

While some people wait till the last minute to start preparing for the Holiday Season, everyone at Archie Comics is just the opposite. In fact, this year we're really getting a head start on the holidays. This should give you an opportunity to "sock" away (pardon the pun) some gifts, and save yourself from the last-minute heebie-geebies. To start off with, let's talk about ARCHIE'S CHRISTMAS STOCKING #7. This issue is packed with great all-new holiday adventures with Archie and his friends. "Jingles," Santa's sometimes not-so-favorite elf, returns, causing mischief as only he can. Betty and Veronica do some shopping "on-line" to avoid the crowds, but realize that something's missing. There's lots more, including a year 2000 calendar to prepare you for entry into the next century. Look for it on sale next month or look for special offers in our comics.

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Jughead in "RAIN PAIN"
IT'S REALLY COMING DOWN OUTSIDE!
THERE'S A FLOOD WATCH IN EFFECT!
NOT TO WORRY, FOLKS!
FLOOD WARNING RIVERDALE COUNTY
I'VE THOUGHT AHEAD! I BOUGHT FLASHLIGHTS... BATTERIES...
I'VE EVEN FILLED SANDBAGS IN CASE THE WATER REACHES US!
PLUS ENOUGH SNACKS TO HOLD US OVER FOR THE DURATION!
GOOD JOB, SON...
YOU CERTAINLY WERE THOROUGH!
YUP! I DIDN'T FORGET A THING!
HOT DOG
THE END

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Jughead
The Fast Lane
ME GO TO THE STORE? WHY DON'T YOU?
BECAUSE I ASKED YOU! I NEED BOUILLON CUBES!
BOUILLON CUBES! THE WORLD WILL STOP BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE BOUILLON?
THE WORLD WON'T...
BUT DINNER WILL! I CAN'T MAKE YOUR FAVORITE CHICKEN AND DUMPLINGS WITHOUT BOUILLON!
SO I'LL GO TO THE STORE!

HONESTLY, HOT DOG! SOME PEOPLE CAN MAKE EVERY LITTLE THING INTO A CRISIS!
I'VE COME IN TO PURCHASE A JAR OF YOUR FINEST CHICKEN BOUILLON!
HAVE YOU, NOW?
NATE, STOP WHAT YOU'RE DOING AND TAKE OUR VALUED PATRON TO THE BOUILLON DEPARTMENT!
YES, SIR!
SALE
ONLY OUR FINEST CHICKEN BOUILLON!
I SNIFF A WHIFF OF SARCASM!
QM
HIP HUP HRSSF HURR!
OH, WELL... WHILE THESE JOKERS ARE STILL STOCKING SHELVES, I'LL BE HOME EATING DUMPLINGS!
QM
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WHAT? NO EXPRESS LANE?
ONLY DURING PEAK HOURS!
GROAN!
Cola
JOE
SIGH!
CHECK OUT
IS THAT ALL YOU HAVE? WHY DON'T YOU GO AHEAD OF ME?
THANK YOU, LADY!
OH, BOY! CHOK-O-YOKS!
SALE
ON THE OTHER HAND, THE SNAPPY TAFFY LOOKS TEMPTING TODAY! HMMM...
3

CHOK-O-YOKS... TAFFY... CHOK-O-YOKS... TAFFY... YOKS... TAFFY... YOKS...

LADY, IF YOU WERE ME, WOULD YOU...
I'D PICK ONE AND GET ON WITH IT.!!

TESTY!
IT'S NOT LIKE THIS IS AN EXPRESS LANE OR ANYTHING!

I'LL TAKE THIS!
GRUNT!

WAIT!
BOOP!

I DIDN'T SEE THE OOZY-CHEWSIES! CANCEL THE CHOK-O-YOKS!
IT'S ALREADY RUNG UP!

CAN'T YOU UNRING IT?
SIGH I'LL CANCEL IT OUT!
WAIT!
HERE! BUY HIM BOTH! BUY HIM ALL THREE!
GEE, YOU ARE A NICE LADY!
OH, YEAH, CHOMP CHOMP DON'T FORGET THE BOUILLON!
IT WON'T RING!
THERE'S CHOCOLATE ALL OVER THE COMPUTER CODE!
OH, NO, DON'T SAY IT...
PRICE CHECK!
AAARRGH!
NO WONDER YOU DON'T WANT TO GO TO THE STORE!
THE PEOPLE THERE ARE VERY HIGH-STRUNG!
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Neptune

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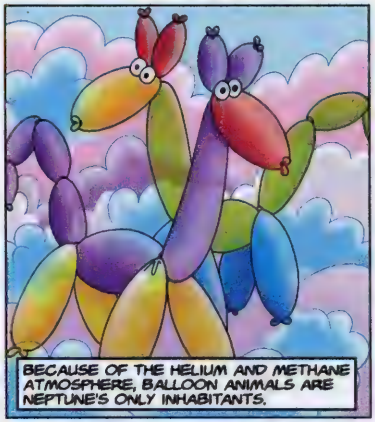

Neptune is the 8th planet of the solar system and was discovered in 1846. Its mass and composition is similar to that of Uranus. Its thick atmosphere of hydrogen, helium and methane give it a blush color. Like other gaseous planets, Neptune rotates rapidly, once every 16.1 hours. Its temperature is about 60K, higher than expected for a body so far from the sun. It is possible that Neptune has an internal heat source. Its center is probably rocky and surrounded by water, ice and liquid methane, which are surrounded by hydrogen and helium gases. Neptune has 8 known satellites. Triton is the largest and revolves around Neptune in a direction opposite to that of most other satellites in the solar system. Nereid, the second largest, revolves in the normal direction but in a very strange orbit.

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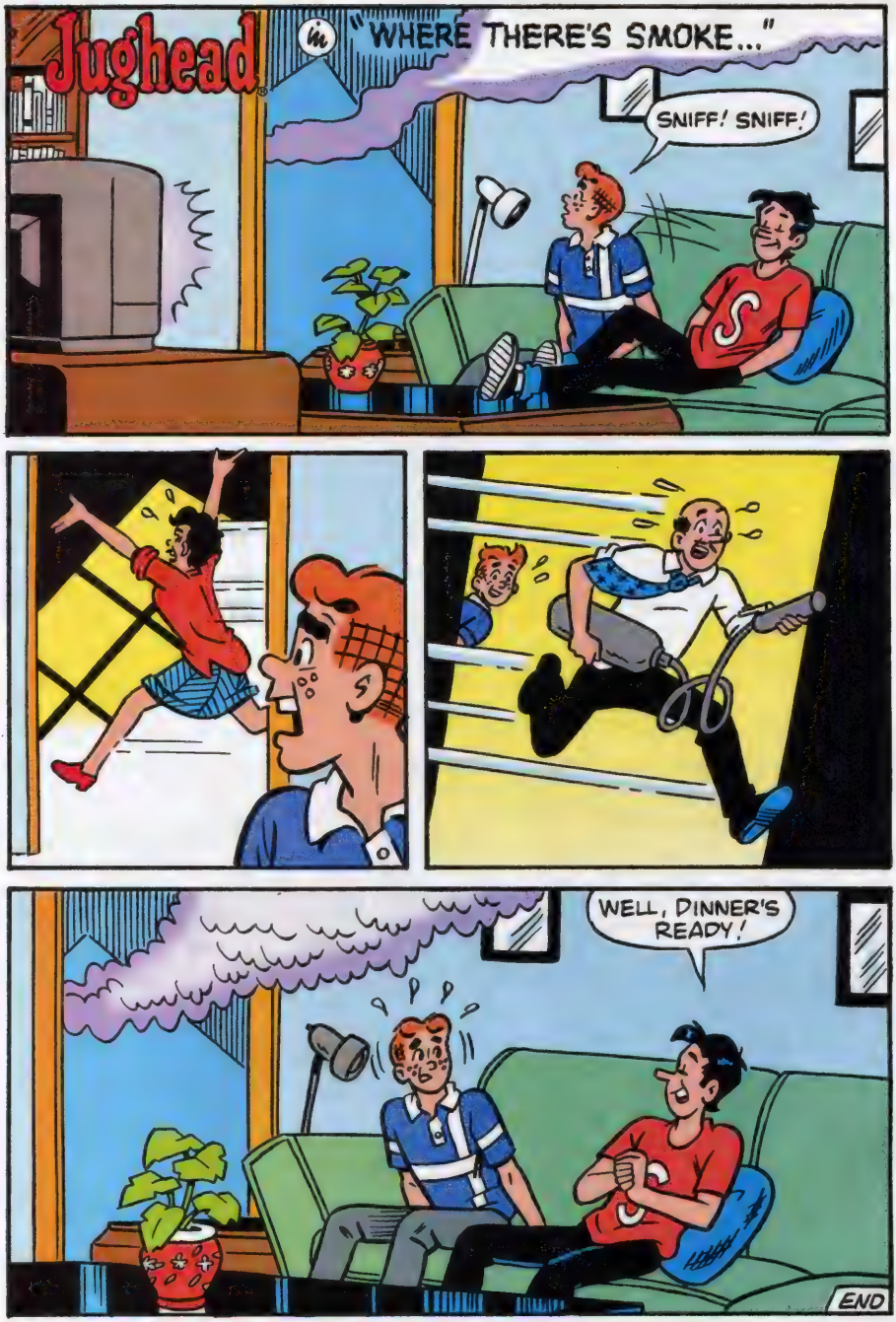
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WELL, DINNER'S READY!
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HEY, MIDGE, WANNA COME TO THE GYM AND WATCH ME WORK OUT?
YAAAWN!
Jughead
Charmed, I'm Sure
AW, MIDGE...
PLEASE, MOOSE, I'M READING!
Sixteen
MIDGE DOESN'T EVEN NOTICE ME ANYMORE!
THAT'S LIKE NOT NOTICING GODZILLA!

SHE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW I'M ALIVE!
IT'S AN EASY MISTAKE!
I TRY TO ENGAGE HER IN SIMULATING CONVERSATION!
YOU MEAN "SCINTILLATING"!
I BOUGHT A BRAND NEW T-SHIRT TO IMPRESS HER!
SHE'S A TOUGH NUT TO CRACK!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT MORE I CAN DO!
WELL, DON'T ASK HER -- SHE MAY HAVE SUGGESTIONS!
YOU GOTTA HELP ME OUT, GUYS!
NOT ME! I DON'T MEDDLE IN SUCH THINGS! LEADS TO NO GOOD!
2

BESIDES, WHENEVER I DO, IT COMES BACK TO BITE ME!
BE LIKE ME! STEER CLEAR OF THE RELATIONSHIP THING! YOU'LL BE HAPPIER!
I GUESS! SIGH!
POP'S
OPEN
SIGH
DOG'S
S·S·I·I·G·H!
HE IS AWFULLY PATHETIC, ISN'T HE?
TUGS AT THE OL' HEART STRINGS!
MIDGE
SHOULD I? WHAT DO YOU THINK?
I DON'T KNOW! MAYBE!
WHAT?
3

DRASTIC SITUATIONS CALL FOR DRASTIC MEASURES!
WHAT?
IT GOES AGAINST MY BEST JUDGMENT, BUT I HATE TO SEE A POOR DUMB CREATURE SUFFER!
MOOSE, OL' BOY, I'M GOING TO ENTRUST TO YOU AN ARTIFACT MOST POTENT!
GOSH!
ITS ORIGINS ARE SHROUDED IN MYSTERY! TREAT IT WITH CARE!
A HAT?
NOT JUST ANY HAT! THIS BABY IS CHARMED! DRIVES GIRLS GA-GA!
YOU'RE KIDDING!
NO WAY! WHEN I WEAR THIS LID, NOT EVEN THE SUPER-EST SUPER MODEL CAN RESIST ME!
WHOA!
4

WILL IT WORK FOR ME?
YOU NEVER CAN TELL WITH LUCKY CHARMS... THEY'RE UNPREDICTABLE!
BUT WHO KNOWS? GO GET HER, TIGER!
THANKS!
YOU SOUND LIKE YOU ALMOST BELIEVE THAT STUFF!
THE QUESTION IS: DOES MOOSE BELIEVE IT?
MIGHT AS WELL TAG ALONG AND SEE IF HIS CONFIDENCE GOT A BOOST!
THERE'S MIDGE! MAGIC CHARM, DO YOUR STUFF!
WOW! WHAT CAME OVER ME?
I DON'T KNOW! I FELT IT, TOO!
5

JUGGIE, BABY! WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN KEEPING YOURSELF?
HUH?
SAVE SOME FOR ME!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS HE'S GOT... BUT HE'S GOT LOTS!
HEY, MOOSE!
WHERE'D YOU GET THE DOPEY LOOKING HAT?
WOO-HOO! MY BABY NOTICED ME!
JUG! YOU WERE RIGHT ABOUT THE CHARM! IT WORKS JUST LIKE YOU SAID!
YEAH... UNPREDICTABLY!
NO! NOT ME! THE GUY WITH THE MAGIC HAT!
THE END

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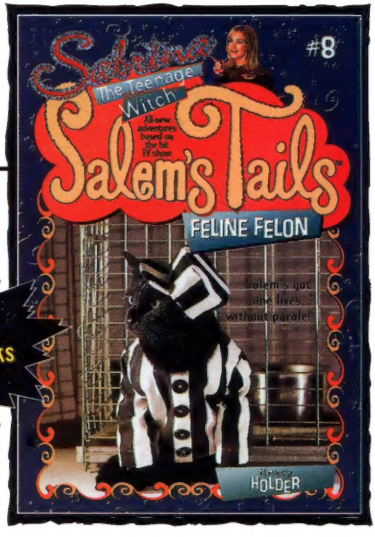

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